

REMARKS

In the October 18, 2007 Office Action, it was noted that claims 5, 9 and 25-29 were pending in the application and listed claims 5, 9 and 25-28 as rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), but also discussed claim 29 as if it had also been rejected. In rejecting the claims, U.S. Patent 3,823,387 to McClellan (Reference A in the February 7, 2007 Office Action) and the Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms by Jordan Elliot Goodman, II (Reference U in the October 18, 2007 Office Action) were cited. Claims 25 and 27-29 have been canceled and claims 30-33 have been added. Thus, claims 5, 9, 26 and 30-33 remain in the case. The rejections are traversed below.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In item 3 on pages 2-7 of the Office Action, claims 5, 9 and 25-28 (and presumably claim 29) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over McClellan in view of the Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms. The previously pending independent claims have been canceled and the remaining dependent claims have been amended to depend from new claim 30. Therefore, it is submitted that the rejections are moot.

Interview and New Claims

The undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for the beneficial Interview held March 7, 2008. As discussed during the March 7, 2008 interview and the subsequent telephonic Interview on March 12, 2008, claims 30-32 have been added using language that hopefully more clearly recites the features of the invention that distinguish over McClellan, taken alone or with the Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms. Claim 33 is a method claim similarly using clarified language.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the limitations in the new claims, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number below to discuss whether further amendment of the claims is necessary to clarify any features of the invention.

Summary

It is submitted that the cited references do not teach or suggest the features of the present claimed invention. Thus, it is submitted that claims 5, 9, 26 and 30-33 are in a condition suitable for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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